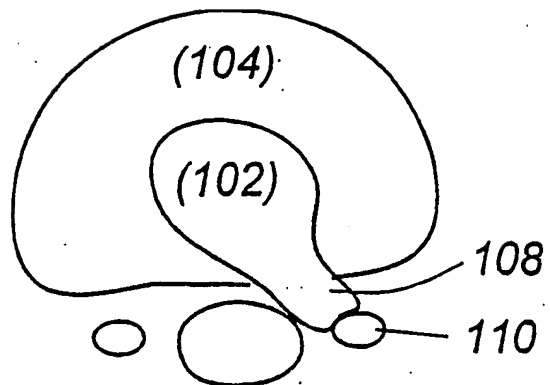
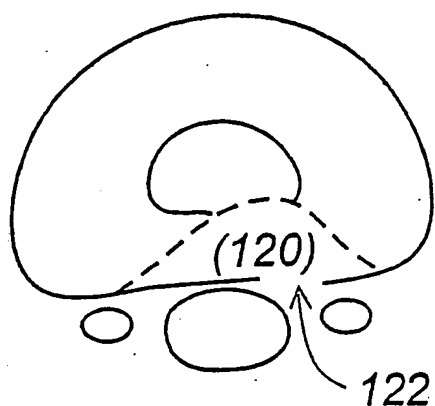


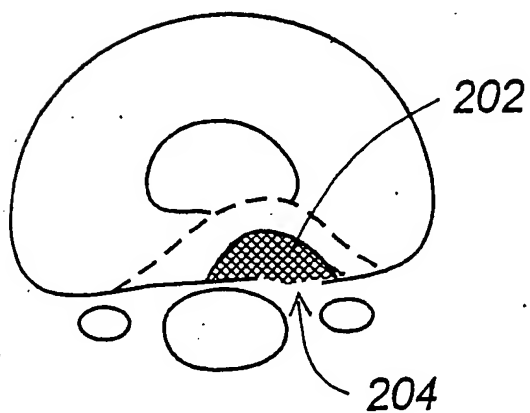
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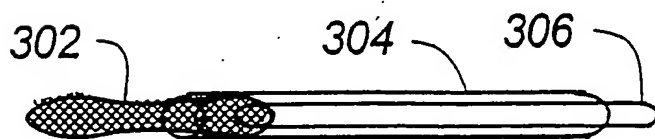
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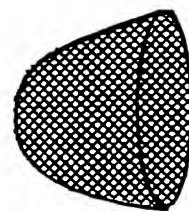
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**Figure - 3A**



**Figure - 3B**



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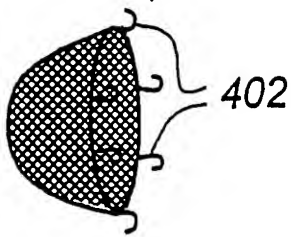
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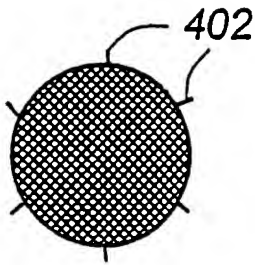
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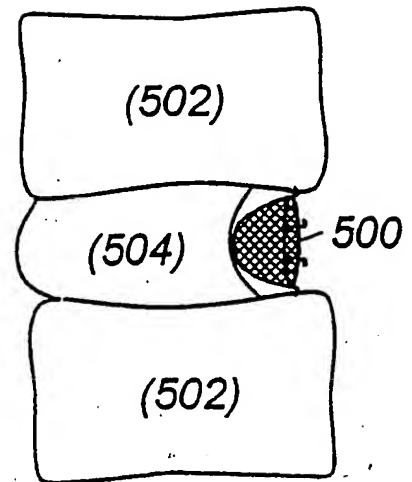
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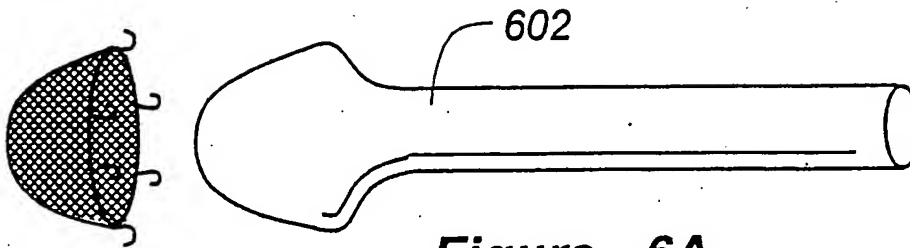
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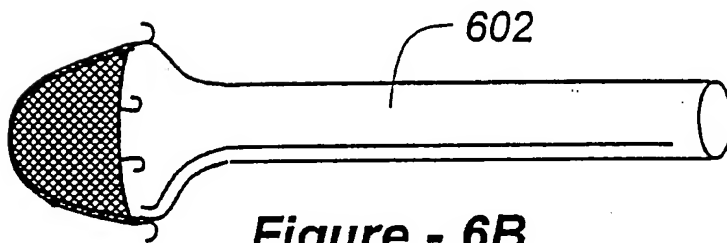
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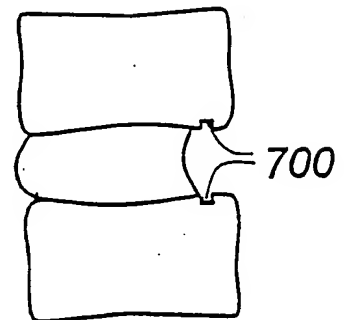
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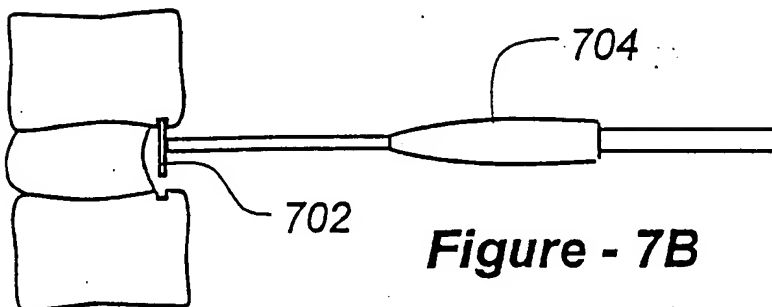
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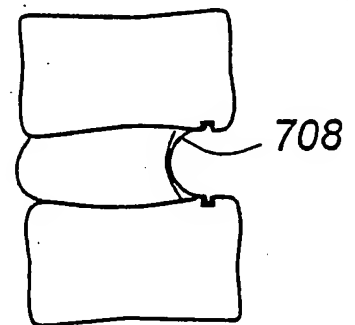
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**Figure - 7A**



**Figure - 7B**



**Figure - 7C**

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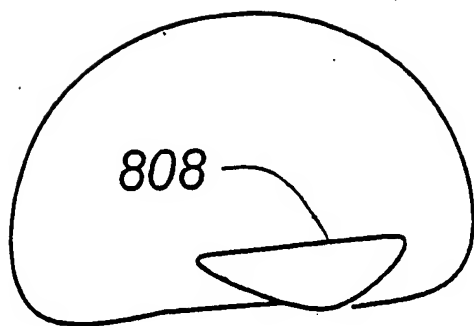
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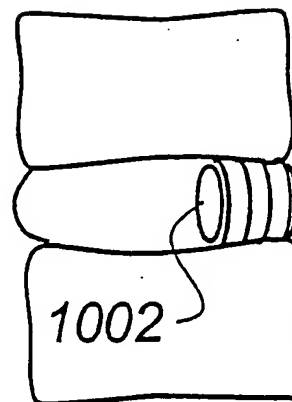
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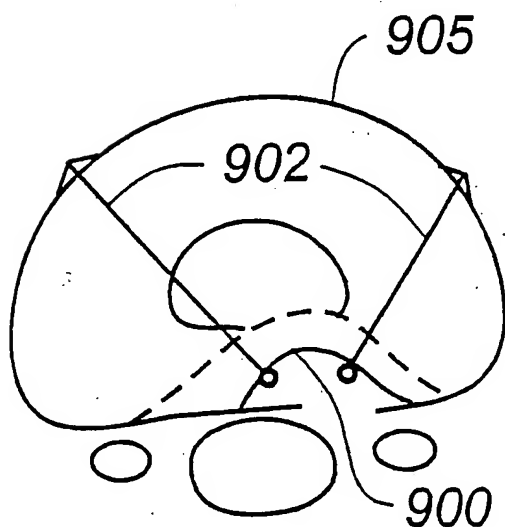
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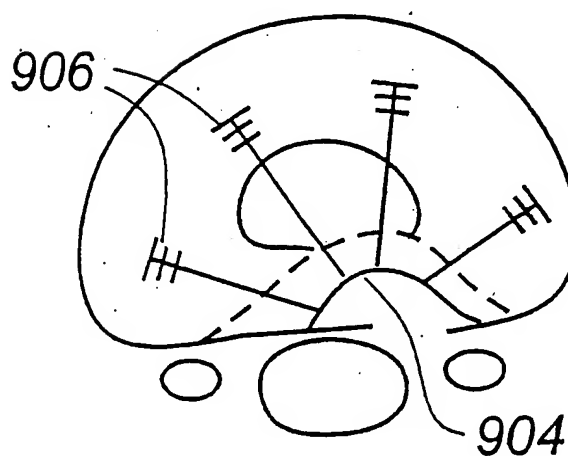
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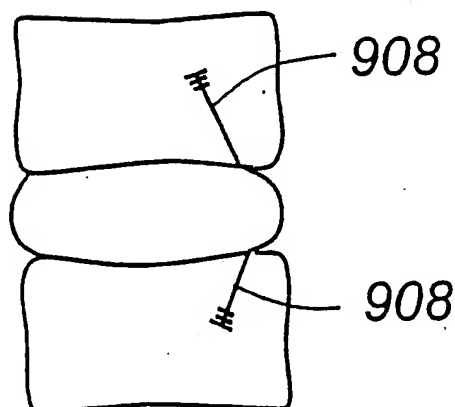
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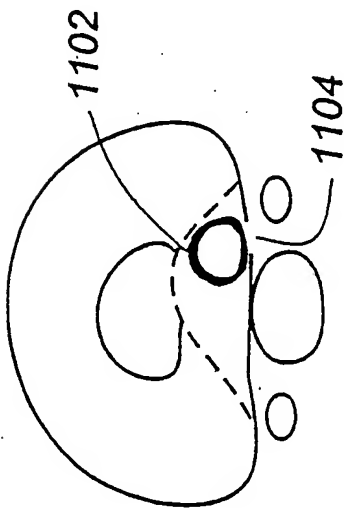


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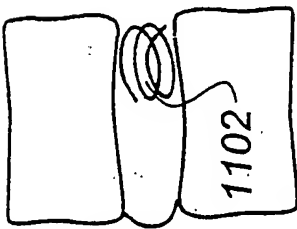


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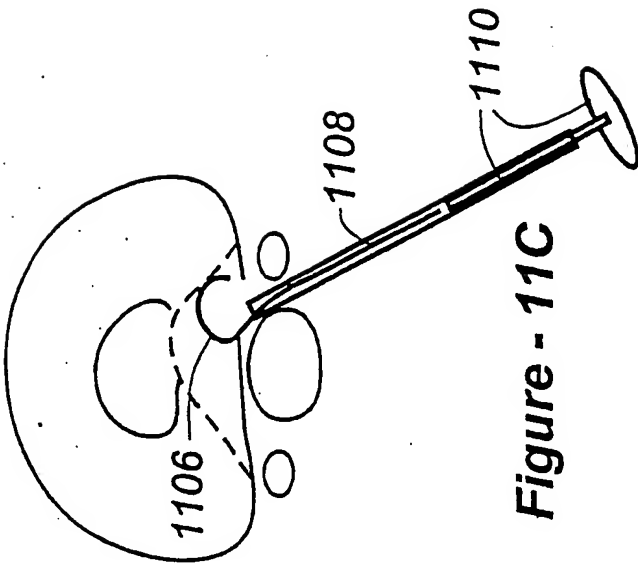


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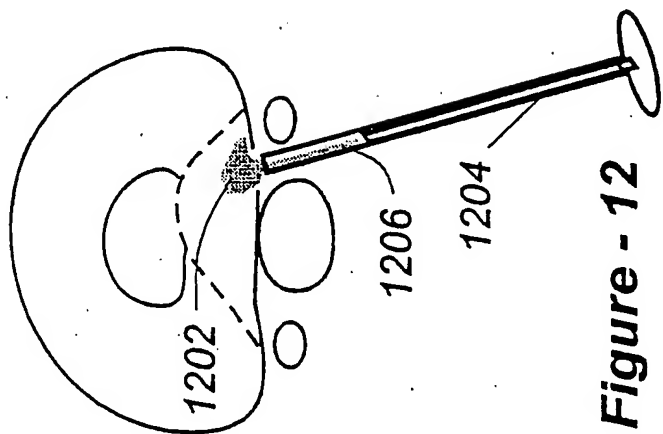


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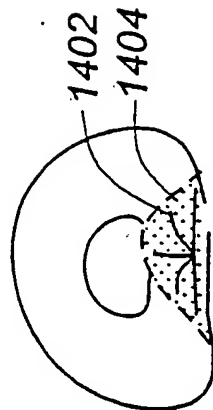


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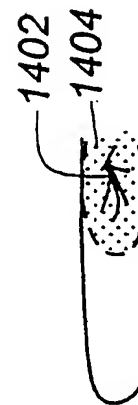


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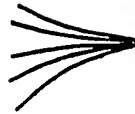
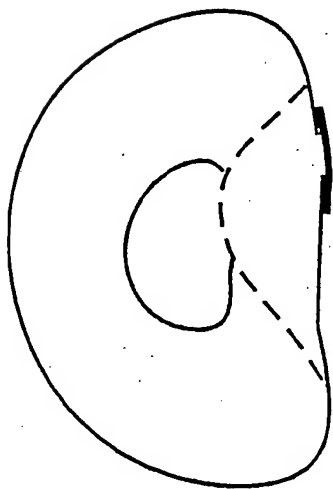


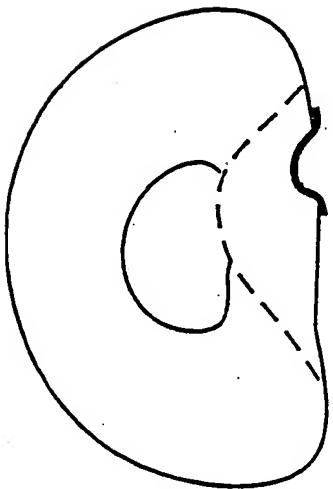
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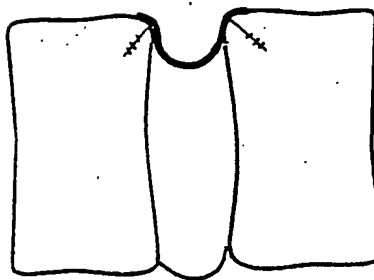
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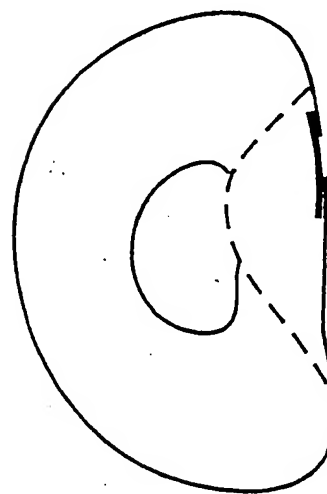
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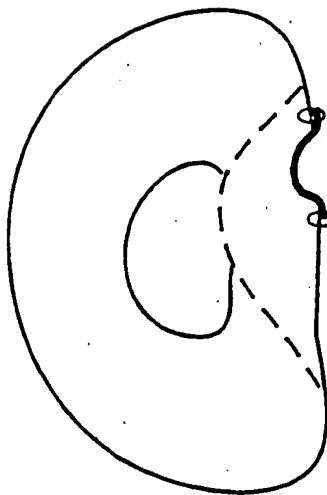
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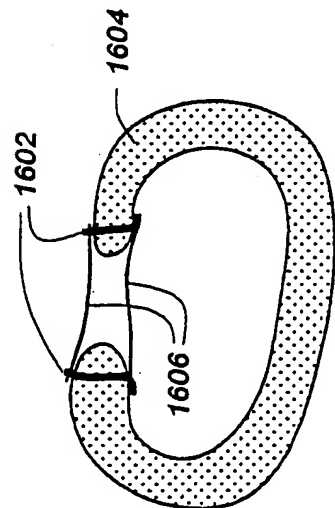
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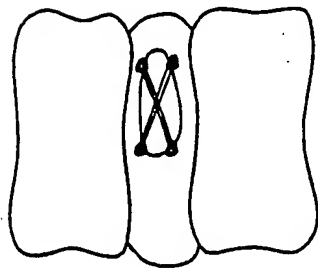
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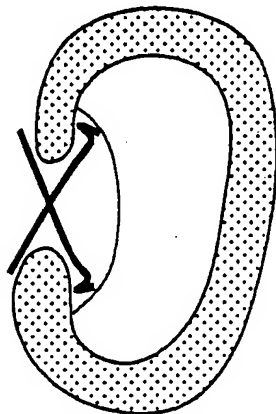
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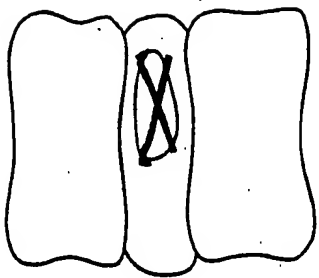
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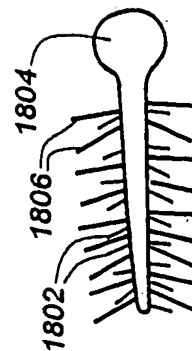
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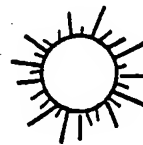
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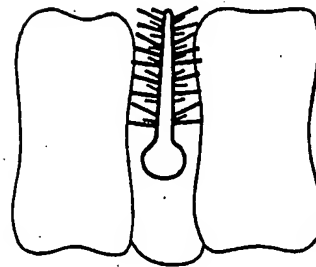
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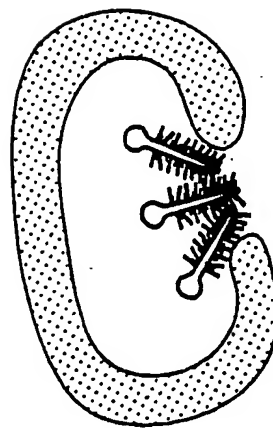
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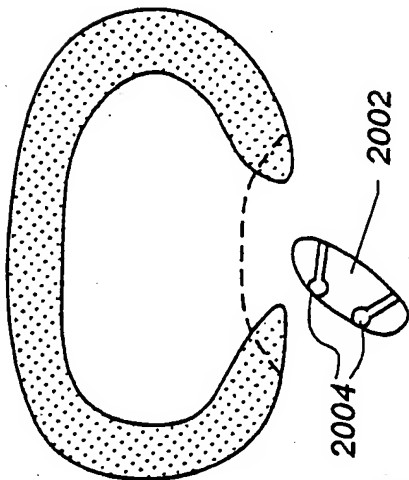
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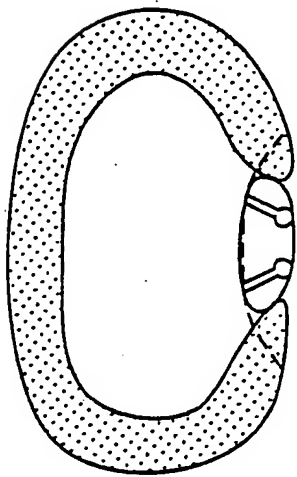
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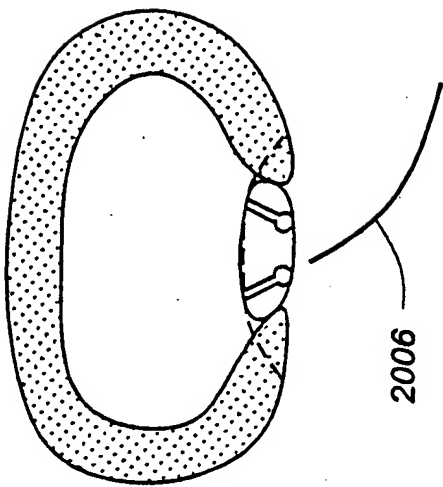
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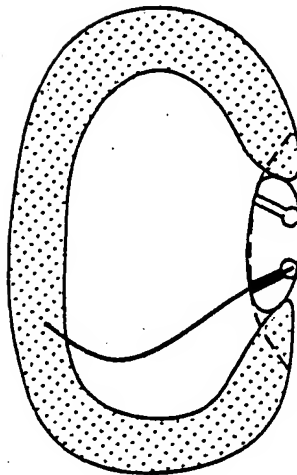
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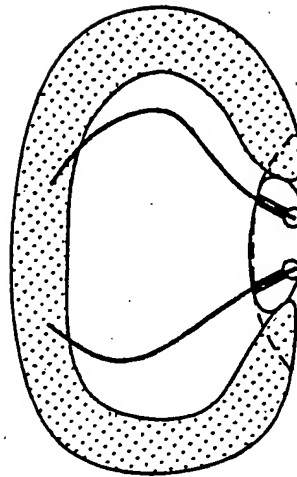
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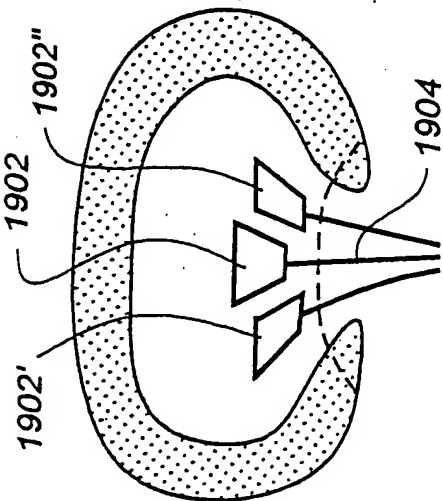
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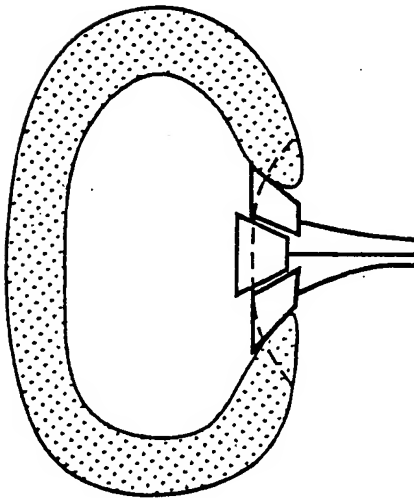
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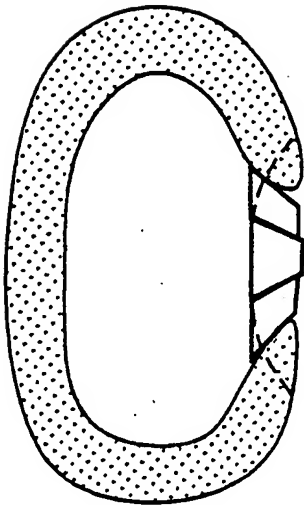
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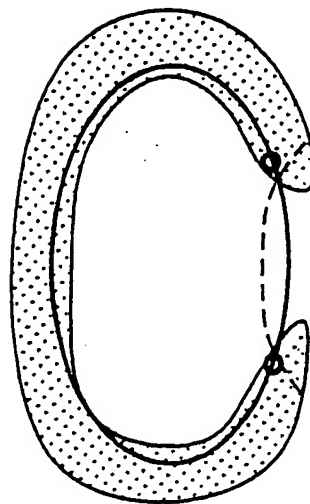
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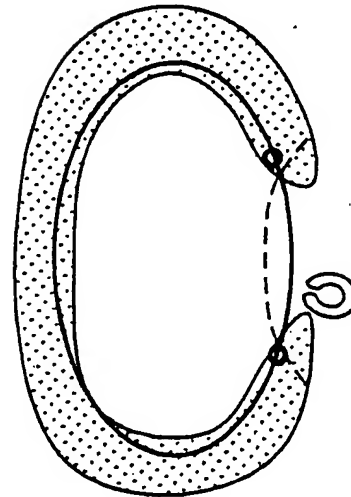
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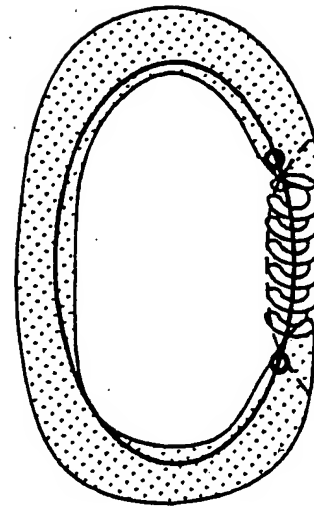
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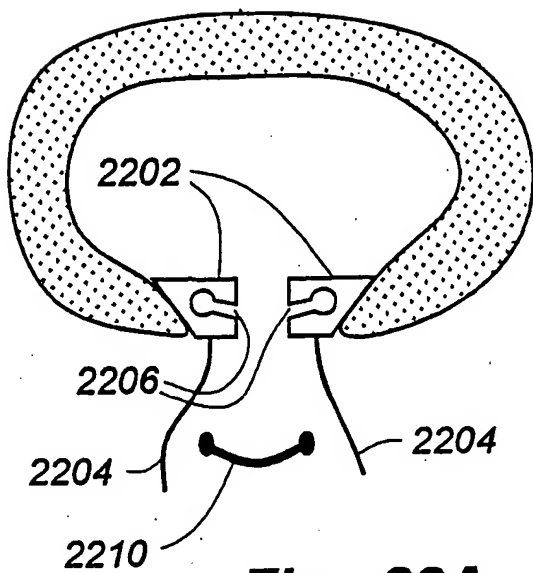


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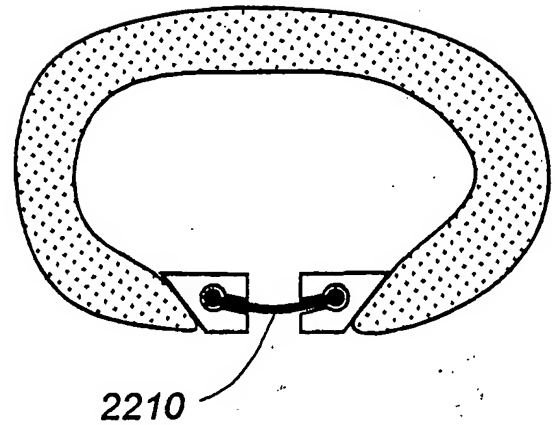


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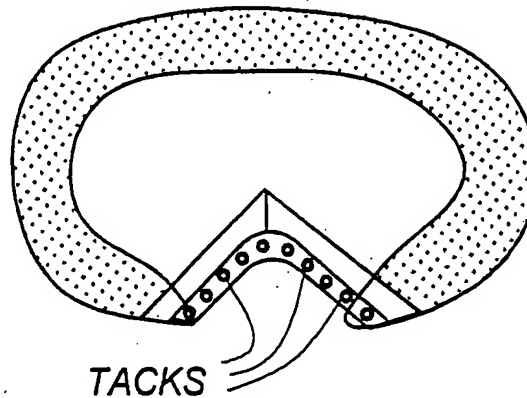




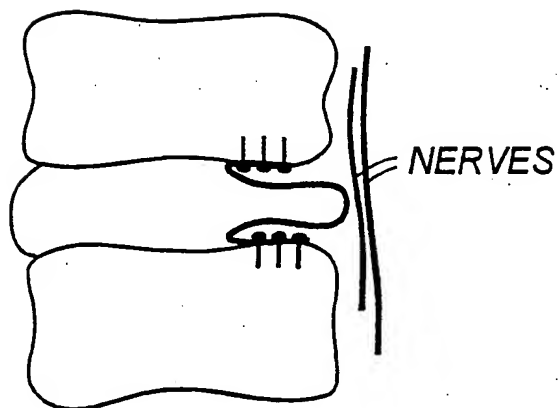
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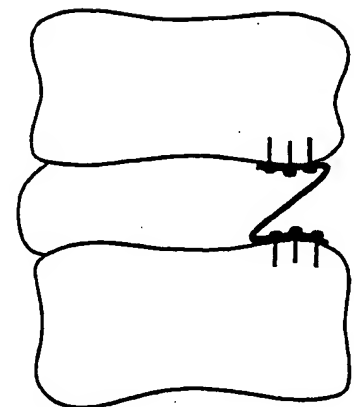
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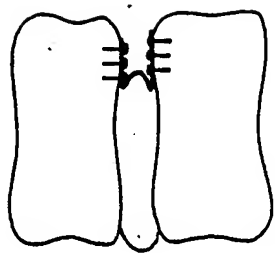
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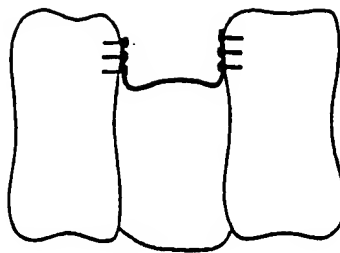
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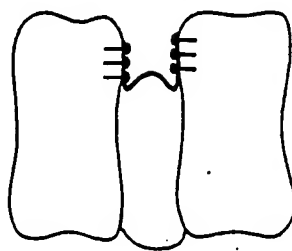
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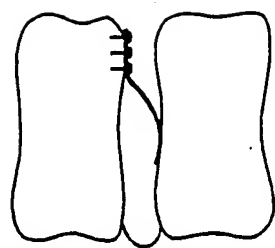
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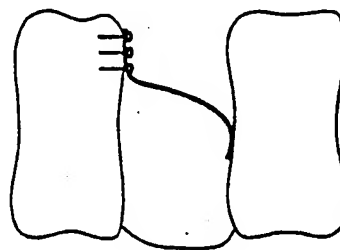
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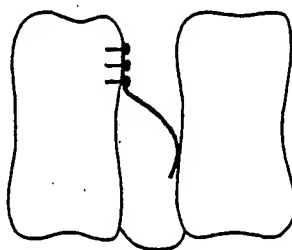
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**Fig - 23B**



**Fig - 23C**



**Fig - 23A**

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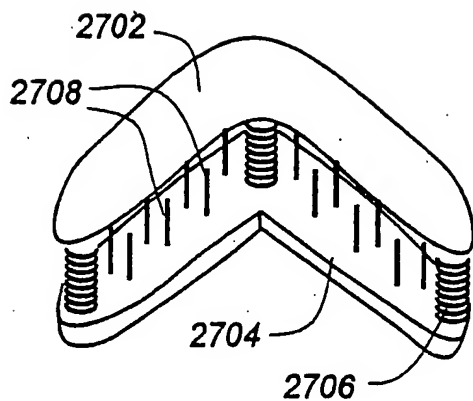
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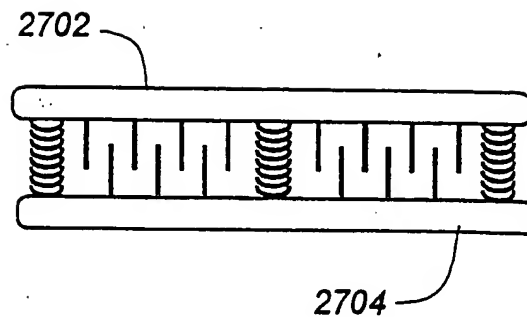
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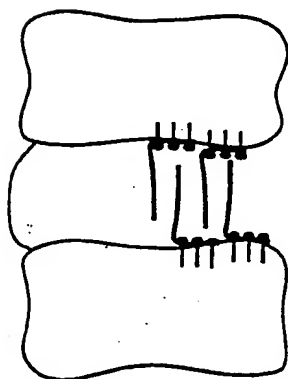
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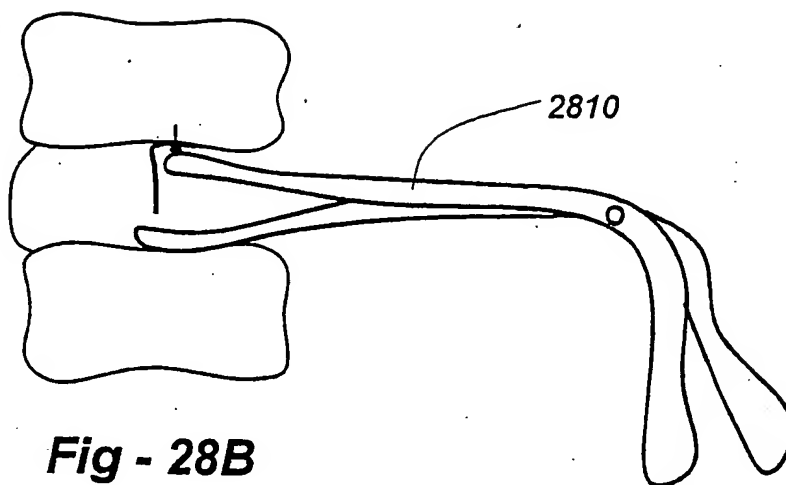
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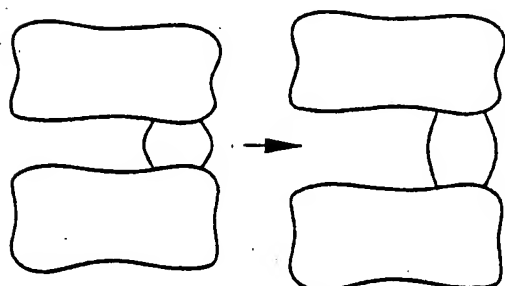
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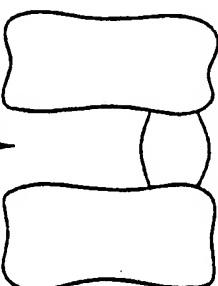
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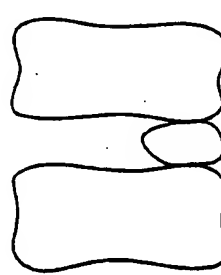
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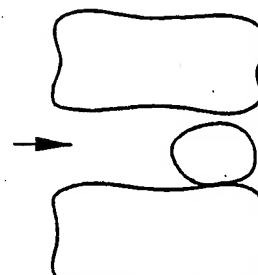
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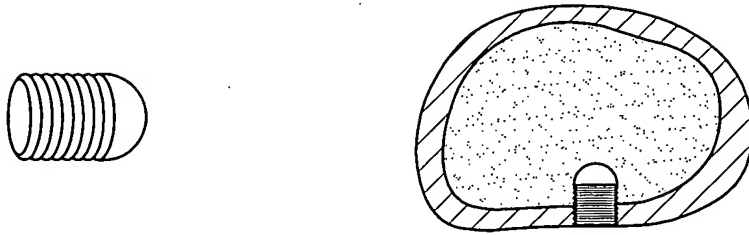
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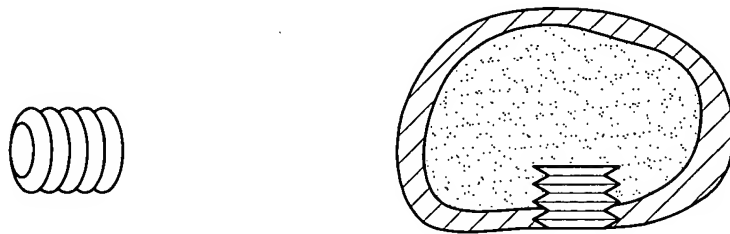
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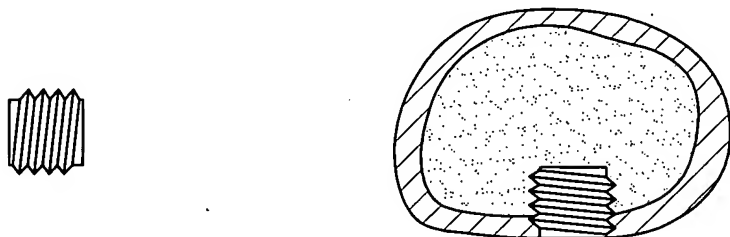
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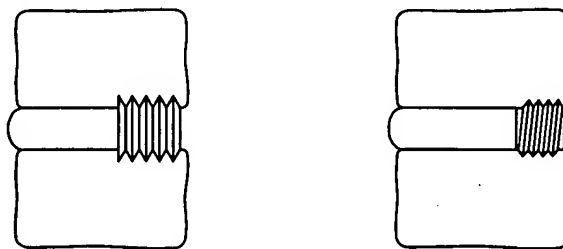
**Figure 31A**



**Figure 31B**



**Figure 31C**



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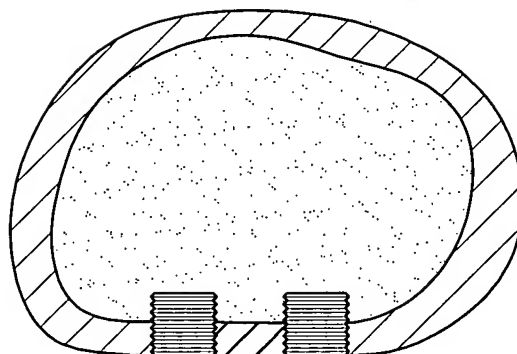
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